

TIKANGA PAKEHA MISSIONS COUNCIL

Anglican Missions Board Grant for Short Term Mission Groups

REPORTING BACK FORM:

Please complete the following sections

1. Name of Diocese

Auckland

2. Name of Parish or Parishes (if more than one parish involved)

BOLD is run by Anglican Youth Ministries

The BOLD group was made up of young people from the following Parishes:

- St Elizabeths Clendon
- St Margarets Hillsborough
- St Pauls Symonds Street
- St Michaels Henderson
- St Peters Onehunga
- Church of the Good Shepherd Northwest

3. Purpose or intention of trip

For the BOLD group to partner in ministry with a local church in Fiji. In particular, giving them a chance to put some of what they been learning during BOLD into practice, while also learning from the local context. The intention was that each young person would be given opportunities to share testimonies, preach/share from scripture, lead children/youth programmes and evangelise/pray with locals.

4. Was the purpose or intention of the trip met? (please give details)

Yes, we were welcomed by the Church of the Holy Cross, Dreketi to partner with them in Ministry. Our group were given the following leadership & discipleship opportunities:

- Meeting the local Hindu Community in their homes, share their stories and offer to pray with them
- Meeting locals at the Market, share their stories and offer to pray with them
- Sharing Testimonies & Short Talks, Singing Songs and Praying with a number of different Families and Villages within the Parish
- Leading the Sunday morning service (Preaching, Readings, Testimonies etc)

The group also learnt a huge amount from the people they met there. Particularly about what it looks like to demonstrate God's love practically and to live in community with others.

5. Highlights of the trip. (Please document x2 highlights with photos if possible.)

We were invited to attend the ordination of Bishop Henry Bull on Sunday 10 December. This was an amazing opportunity to be part in such a significant occasion and was a real highlight for the group. They were particularly impacted by Bishop Henry's words which revealed his love for God and love for the people his ministered to.

A huge highlight for Tom and I (Emily) as leaders of the trip was the way the BOLD members stepped out of their comfort zone and embraced the leadership opportunities they were given. It was amazing to see each of them grow in confidence and give new things a go throughout the trip.

One more highlight was the relationships that we all built with the people at the Church of the Holy Cross. Within a short ten days they became family. We all had significant conversations and learnt a huge amount from their love for and faith in Jesus, which in turn helped our faith grow deeper.

6. What challenges did you encounter?

One of our team members had a medical condition which we weren't adequately briefed on before the trip. This condition affected the way the team member interacted with the rest of the group and caused a couple of difficulties that we had to manage during the trip.

We also had one of our team members pull out of the trip, the day before! This was due to visa issues meaning she wasn't able to leave the country. This is hugely disappointing for her and for the rest of the team! She has remained involved in the rest of the BOLD programme though.

7. What would you do differently?

Both challenges arose from administration issues. Although we had processes to obtain medical and passport information from the group, we were not strict enough about enforcing those processes. Therefore, we will require medical and passport information to be obtained from parents much earlier!

8. What is the next step for your group / parish?

The BOLD group has been continuing to meet monthly since returning from Fiji, and this will continue until June 2018. The focus of these meetings has been debriefing the time in Fiji, helping the group begin to integrate this into their lives back home and then equipping them for their ongoing leadership & discipleship journeys.

The group is also preparing for a Local Ministry Exchange at The Cedar Centre, Beach Haven on the weekend of 27-29 April. The focus of this is for our group to participate in and learn about ministry & mission in an Auckland context. We hope this will encourage them to think about ways in which they can continue to engage in God's Mission in New Zealand.

9. What ways are you taking partnership forward?

AYM maintains a good partnership with Bishop Henry and the Church of the Holy Cross, Dreketi. Many of the young people from BOLD groups are still in touch with the Fijian young people they met via email and facebook.

Father Henry & I (Emily) exchange regular email contact, keeping each other up to date with what is happening in our ministries, and regularly pray for each other's ministries, and Father Henry has agreed to host another BOLD group in Dreketi this December 2018

10. Please attach a spreadsheet of financial money received and how it was spent.

Each young person in the BOLD group needed to raise \$2,200 each. This was easier for some than others. We used the \$3,000 given to us by OM-TP, to assist six of our team members who were struggling to raise all their funds. Each of them were given \$500 towards their total costs